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TO:

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1 SIG CEM
1 CMDR
1 DCM
1 INS
1 DCO

SUBJ:

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A. MISSION NBR RX6725

B. FINAL EVALUATION OF INS DATA.

C. INS Ø1Ø

D. DATA STARTS LINE 21, TIME Ø2Ø24.

DATA ENDS LINE ~~XX~~ Ø22, TIME 14Ø64.

DATA GOOD. RECORDINGS BETWEEN TIMES Ø2Ø96 AND Ø5413, LINE 35, BAD DUE TO TAPE TRANSPORT TURN ON. SUGGEST DELETION.

LAT RECORDING BETWEEN TIMES Ø6479 AND Ø6497, LINE ~~XXX~~ 153, BAD. SUGGEST Ø1579.

HEADING BETWEEN TIMES 11939 AND 11948, LINE 473, MISSING BIT. SUGGEST ØØ4ØØ.

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OPCEN PASS [redacted] 25X1A 24704

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A. BX 6725

B. INS-FILM CORRELATION REPORT

C. INS 010

D. 1. FILM INDICATES CAGED, INS TAPE INDICATES UNCAGED ON FOLLOWING FRAMES: 361 (ET 7711), 391 (ET 7780), 401 (ET 7802).

FILM INDICATED UNCAGED, INS TAPE INDICATES CAGED ON FOLLOWING FRAMES: 349 (ET 7684), 523 (ET 11845), 543 (ET 11900).

2. FILM AND INS TAPE AGREE.

3. INS TAPE HIGH BY ONE MINUTE.

4. SATISFACTORY.

5. SATISFACTORY.

6. SATISFACTORY.

7. SATISFACTORY.

8. SATISFACTORY.

9. SATISFACTORY.

10. FILM CLOCK FOUR SECONDS HIGHER THAN INS TAPE.

E. SATISFACTORY CORRELATION HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THIS MISSION.

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IMMEDIATE [redacted]

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OXCART BLACK SHIELD

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B. [redacted] 0954 - [redacted] 81

1. FOLLOWING INFO IN LIEU OF EXPOSURE NUMBER DATA IN [redacted] AND WILL BE USED FOR MISSION BX6725.

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	EXPOSURE NUMBER	SHUTTER SPEED
PASS 1	8	1/190
PASS 2	7	1/170

2. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEGMENT OF RECEIPT.

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JWK

T O P S E C R E T 050245Z CITE [redacted] 0994

IMMEDIATE [redacted] INFO IMMED [redacted] ROUTINE [redacted] 25X1A

[redacted]

A. BX6725 25X1A

B. FILM EVALUATION REPORT 25X1A

C. TYPE I /C/ 3014 25X1A

D. FULTRON 202/14DN/1 MIN 4 SEC/ 78 DEGREES F.

E. 2.68/2.70

F. 3404/2149-287-2-7-7/DNA

G. (1) GOOD ✓

(2) GOOD ✓

(3) MEDIUM ✓

(4) GOOD

(5) [redacted]

(5) NORMAL

(7) 30 PERCENT OVERALL CLOUD COVER. T1 AND T2 TRACK SEGMENTS WERE CLOUD FREE. HEAVY CLOUDS WEST OF 135 DEGREES ON BOTH PASSES.

H. O.N. DISPOSITION TO E.K.

3 DUPE POS TO NATIONAL CUSTOMERS

5 DUPE POS TO THEATER CUSTOMERS

I. COMMENTS: NORMAL START-UP AND SHUTDOWN. CAGING AND RESULTANT OVERLAP DUE TO RECYCLING IN FRAMES 508 TO 530. MINUS DENSITY LINES 1/16 INCH WIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF AFT FRAMES, EXTENDING ENTIRE LENGTH FRAME, THROUGHOUT ENTIRE MISSION. INTERMITTENT MINOR LOSS OF TIMING MARKS ON TRAILING EDGE OF MISSION DUE TO SHUTTER MOTION. LIGHT FLARE 12 INCHES AND PARALLEL FROM DATA CHAMBERS IN FRAMES 788, 792, 794, 796, 798, AND 806. EXTREMELY FINE EMULSION SCRATCHES OCCURED THROUGHOUT MISSION. HEAVY EMULSION HANDLING SCRATCHES IN FRAMES 456, 452, 675, 869, AND 872. TACKY ROLLER MARKS ON FRAME 607. MINOR WRINKLE IN FRAME 510. MANUFACTURES DEFECT IN FORM OF SPOTS LOCATED IN FRAME 1000. ULTRASONIC SPLICE IN FRAME 367. PINHOLES LOCATED IN SMALL AREA, APPROXIMATELY 2 INCHES DIAMETER, IN FRAME 14.

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OPCEN 301 [redacted] 033

OPCEN PASS [redacted]

T O P S E C R E T 042109Z CITE [redacted] 1920

IMMEDIATE [redacted] INFO [redacted]

[redacted]

A. BX 6725

B. INS TAPE EVALUATION REPORT

C. INS 010

D. 04/0830Z

E. 1. SATISFACTORY

2. SATISFACTORY

3. STAISFACTORY

4. SATISFACTORY

5. THE HEADING RECORD ASSOCIATED WITH ELAPSED TIME 11943 WAS MISSING THE UNITS DIGIT.

6. SATISFACTORY

7. SATISFACTORY

8. SATISFACTORY

9. SATISFACTORY

10. BETWEEN ELAPSED TIMES 06945 AND 06954 THE ELAPSED TIME RECORD INDICATED 06959 INSTEAD OF 06949.

F. THE TAPE APPEARS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. ERRORS CAN BE SALVAGED. EVALUATION DONE DURING CAMERA OPERATION ONLY.

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S E C R E T 041332Z CITE [redacted] 0850

IMMEDIATE [redacted]

[redacted] OXCART BLACK SHIELD TAKE HANDLING SECUR 25X1A

[redacted] 25X1A

REF BX6725

DUE TO REACTION TO MISSION BX6725, SYSTEM SIX TAPE WILL BE FORWARDED TO PROJECT HQS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. IF SYSTEM SIX HAS BEEN PROCESSED IN TIME IT SHOULD BE FORWARDED WITH FILM FROM BX6726. SHOULD BX6726 BE CANCELLED SYSTEM SIX WILL BE FORWARDED TO HQS ASAP.

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T O P S E C R E T 051750Z CITE [redacted] 0993

IMMEDIATE [redacted] INFO IMMEDIATE [redacted]

OXCART

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A. BX6725

B. FLASH REPORT AFTER PROCESSING

C. I

D. C

E. THE FILM ARRIVED IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION WITH NORMAL EXPOSURE, MEDIUM CONTRAST, GOOD RESOLUTION, WITH NORMAL METERING, AND OPERATIONAL DATA RECORDING. MINUS DENSITY LINE DOWN CENTER OF ALL AFT FRAMES. CAMERA RECYCLED ON FRAMES 508-530.

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1 DCM
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1 P.E.

A. BX 6725

B. TYPE I CAMERA CONFIGURATION REPORT

C. I(C)/4 OCT/127/

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D. 1140/570/570

E. 1140/570/570

F. 3404/1312/287-2-7-7

G. 5.6/YELLOW, WRATTEN 12

H. 64/60

65/66

I. 040334Z/040354Z

040457Z/040518Z

J. 20/190/038

21/170/038

K. NA

L. SOME CLOUDS

M. SECURITY 040715Z

N. SYSTEM OPERATED NORMALLY

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A. MISSION NBR BX6725

B. FINAL EVALUATION OF INS DATA.

C. INS 010

D. DATA STARTS LINE 21, TIME 02024.

DATA ENDS LINE 822 XI, TIME 14064.

DATA GOOD. RECORDINGS BETWEEN TIMES 02096 AND 05413, LINE 35, BAD DUE TO TAPE TRANSPORT TURN ON. SUGGEST DELETION.

LAT RECORDING BETWEEN TIMES 06479 AND 06497, LINE XXX 153, BAD. SUGGEST 01579.

HEADING BETWEEN TIMES 11939 AND 11948, LINE 473, MISSING BIT. SUGGEST 00400.

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1 DCM
1 INS
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A. BX 6725

B. INS TAPE REPORT

C. INS Ø1Ø

D. DATA LINK

E. SEE H

F. SEE H

G. 671ØØ4 Ø14Ø37

H. DATA IS GOOD. WILL RETAIN TAPES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

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DTG: 4 OCT 69 22z

FROM: 25X1A

TO: 25X1A

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OXCART/BLACKSHIELD/MATERIEL

A. SPECIAL FUEL TEST REPORT (2 1/2 HOUR PRE-FLIGHT) BX 6725

B. 089 13454/4 STRIP ALERT

C. FUEL TESTED IN PARA B QUAL IAW SECTION VII TEST CRITERIA

END OF MESSAGE

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1 SIG OPN
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24 HOUR GENERATION CHECKLIST MISSION NUMBER BX 6725 H-HOUR 4/1110 PRI 127 SEC 131

ITEM	TASKS REQUIRED	H-HOUR START	H-HOUR COMP	MISSION TIME COMP	TIME COMP PRI	TIME COMP SEC	CP CALLED PRI	CP CALLED SEC
1	MAINTENANCE ALERTED		H-24	1110				
2	DCM MEETING		H-23	1210				
3	MAINT SECURE NITROGEN, OXYGEN		H-23	1210				
4	TCI SECURE FUEL TRUCKS		H-23	1210				
5	START MISSION AIRCRAFT PREFLIGHT	H-22:30	H-00:30	1040				
6	RECEIVE FUEL LOAD FROM FLIGHT PLANNING	-	H-22:30	1240				
7	[redacted] RECEIVED 25X1A		H-22	1316				
8	TEB AND REFUEL	H-22	H-19	1610	1100	1300	1200	1330
9	ARC-50 CODES RECEIVED		H-22	1310				
10	COMM AND IFF PREFLIGHT	H-22	H-18	1710	1530	0930		
11	SELECT RECOVERY CREW AND GIVE TO DCM	H-20	H-16	1910				
12	INS PREFLIGHT	H-18	H-16	1910	1640	1200	1645	1235
13	[redacted] 25X1A	H-16	H-13	2210	1430	1500	1435	1500
14	PACKAGE DATA RECEIVED		H-13:45	2125				
15	PACKAGE LOADED (Call Security Before Moving Package)	H-13	H-08:30	0240	2330	2245	2330	2250
16	SIP AND SYSTEM VI, CHECKOUT	H-11	H-08:30	0240	2330	2245		
17	POL SEND [redacted] 25X1A		H-10:45	0025				
18	LOX TOP OFF	H-4	H-03:30	0746	0740	0730		
19	NITROGEN TOP OFF	H-4	H-03:30	0746	0740	0730		
20	AIRCRAFT STATUS BRIEF: CC, INS, ELS, INS, & DCM	H-03:30	H-3	0810				
21	START INS WARMUP		H-03:30	0740	~~0740~~	0745	0810	0810
22	INSTALL OSC MAGAZINE IN NOSE	H-03:30	H-3	0810	1335	1345		
23	INS DATA TAPE LOADING	H-02:30	H-2	0910				
24	PACKAGE I HELIUM PURGE C-BAY	H-2	H-00:30	1040				
25	PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LOADED	H-02:15	H-2	0910				
26	COCKPIT SET UP ITEM CODE SHEET	H-2	H-01:50	0900				
27	MAINT CALL SECURITY TO STERILIZE COCKPIT		H-01:50	0900				
28	VIEWFINDER LOADED WITH FILM	H-01:40	H-01:10	1006				
29	ENGINEER CHECK AIRCRAFT	H-01:30	H-1	1010				

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24 HOUR GENERATION CHECKLIST (SCLT) MISSION NUMBER 66725 HOURS 66666 REI 0073 SEC 131

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ITEM	TASKS REQUIRED	H-HOUR START	H-HOUR CODE	ACTUAL TIME CODE	TIME CODE		C/ CARRIED	
					PRI	SEC	PRI	SEC
30	ENGINE START		H-00:30	1040				
31	TAXI		H-00:20	1050				
32	RECOVERY GEAR IN PLACE		H+1	1210	1300			
	POST MISSION LANDING CHECKLIST	L+HOUR	L+HOUR	1520				
1	LAND AND COOL AIRCRAFT	L+00:00	L+00:30	1550				
2	SECURE ACFT AND SERVICE ENG OIL	L+00:30	L+01:15	1635				
3	REMOVE SCDM TAPE AND GIVE TO SIO	L+00:30	L+01:15	1635				
4	REMOVE VIEWFINDER FILM STRIP AND MAPS	L+00:30	L+01:15	1635				
5	REMOVE [redacted] 25X1A	L+00:30	L+01:15	1635				
6	MAINTENANCE DEBRIEF	L+00:45	L+01:15	1635	1635			
7	REMOVE INSTRUMENTATION PACKAGE	L+01:00	L+01:15	1635				
8	MOVE ARTICLE INTO HANGAR	L+01:15	L+01:30	1650				
9	DO OFFLOAD PACKAGE (Notify Security - Close Hangar Doors)	L+01:30	L+02:30	1750				
10	SCDM DATA TO DCOA ([redacted] 25X1A		L+03:30	1850				
11	SIO DATA TO DCO		L+04:15	1935				
12	"TAKE" TO SUPPLY (Notify Security before Moving to Supply		L+05:00	2020				
13	PACKAGE SUBMIT [redacted] 25X1A		L+05:00	2020	1700			
14	[redacted] TAPE TO SECURITY 25X1A		L+05:00	2020				
15	INS/SCDM TAB RUN TO SECURITY		L+05:00	2020				
16	SCDM TAPE TO SECURITY 25X1A		L+09:00	0020				
17	INS SUBMIT [redacted]		L+10:05	0120	1850			

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A. BX 6725
(Operations Mission Number) 25X1A

B. TYPE I CAMERA CONFIGURATION REPORT.

C. IC/OCT4/127/ 25X1A
(Config./SN/Date Flown/Acft No./Pilot Pseudo. Example: I/A/NOV 28/127).

D. 1140 / 570 570 25X1A
(Total frames scheduled-fwd camera & aft camera).

E. 1140 / 570 570
(Total frames completed-fwd camera & aft camera).

F. 3404/1312/1287-2-7-7
(Film type/box no./emulsion no. Example: 3401/1234/245-13-3-6).

G. 5.6/YELLOW, WRATTEN 12.

H. SUN ANGLES.

BEGINNING	END
64 °	60 °
65 °	66 °
°	°

I. CAMERA ON CAMERA OFF (Date/Time ZULU. Example: 282118Z/282130Z).

040334 Z/ 040354 Z.

040457 Z/ 040518 Z.

Z/ Z.

J. ELAPSED TIME (MINUTES)/EXPOSURE VALUE/V/H IN MR/SECONDS. EXAMPLE: 4/200/.039.

20 / 190 / 038.

21 / 170 / 038.

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K. N/A.

L. WEATHER. (General comment on weather during photo portions of mission).

SOME CLOUDS

M. TAKE DISPOSITION (Location, shipment, or action on material - date/time ZULU. Example: EK 290135Z or Area Security 290135Z).

SECURITY 040715 Z.

N. COMMENTS. (Include general remarks regarding configuration operation, malfunctions or mission problems).

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A. SPECIAL FUEL TEST REPORT (POST REFUEL) BX 6725

B. 094 1805L/3

504 1820L/3 SPARE

125 1845L/3

103 1900L/3

084 1910L/3

523 1915L/3

089 1920L/3 SPARE

086 1925L/3

C. FUEL TESTED IN PARA B QUAL IAW SECTION VII TEST CRITERIA

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T O P S E C R E T

FROM: Mission Coordinator 30CT 1967

SUBJECT: Mission Alert Notification

TO: (See Below)

Request your attendance at the Commander's Briefing to be held in the Operations Briefing Room on 30CT 1967 at 1140 L. The briefing concerns the following:

1. Mission Code Name and Number: BX 6725.
2. Date/Time of Launch (H-Hour): 40CT / 0210 Z / 1110 L.
3. Ground Spare (H+1:00): 40CT / 0310 Z / 1210 L.
4. Bases: Takeoff KAD Staging — ,Landing KAD. 25X1A
5. Equipment required: TYPE I [redacted] 25X1A
6. Ground Spare Requirements: SAME AS PRIMARY
7. Special Instructions/Comments: LAUNCH B/U AIRCRAFT ONLY IF PRIMARY ABORTS, A-50 ADDITIVE WILL BE USED FOR THIS MISSION

FOR THE COMMANDER

Mission Coordinator

Office	Time(L)	Recipient	Office	Time(L)	Recipient
CMDR			DCOL		
DCO			DCOC/MC		
DCM			DCOMI		
DCS			DCOW		
SECUR			COMMO		
FLT SURG			AFCS		(Notify Only)
DCOM			TTFC(SAC		(Notify Only)

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A. BX6725

B. MISSION ALERT MSG

C. 04 OCT 67/0210Z

D. [redacted] 25X1A

E. NORTH VIETNAM 25X1A

F. TYPE I CAMERA, [redacted] 25X1A

G. BACK-UP ACFT REQUIRED. SAME EQUIPMENT AS PARA F.

H. DTFC TO LAUNCH BACK-UP AFCT AT APPROX 04 OCT 67/0310Z.
IN EVENT PRIMARY ACFT GROUND/AIR ABORTS. THIS ALERT FOR BLACK SHIELD CANNED ROUTE NBR 22B.

FIRST PASS PRIMARY ROUTE ONE ALFA, OPTION ONE BRAVO, SECOND PASS PRIMARY ROUTE TWO ALFA, OPTION TWO BRAVO.

A-50 ADDITIVE WILL BE USED FOR THIS MISSION.

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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF BLACK SHIELD MISSION BX6725

1. CAMERA TYPE 1 (115A), UNIT C WAS USED ON MISSION BX6725. THE MISSION, WHICH CONTAINED 1,036 TITLED FRAMES, WAS PROCESSED IN THE FIELD.

2. BOTH CAMERAS OPERATED SATISFACTORILY THROUGHOUT THE MISSION; HOWEVER, THE AFT CAMERA IMAGERY APPEARS SLIGHTLY BETTER IN RESOLUTION THAN THE FORWARD. IN THOSE PORTIONS OF THE MISSION WHERE THE VEHICLE WAS IN STRAIGHT AND LEVEL FLIGHT AND THE CAMERA WAS UNCAGED, ESTIMATED GROUND RESOLUTIONS (BAR PLUS SPACE) OF 18 INCHES WERE ACHIEVED ON THE AFT CAMERA MATERIAL. SOME OF THE IMAGERY IS COMPARABLE TO THE BEST ACHIEVED BY THE SYSTEM. THE BEST RESOLUTION ACHIEVED BY THE FORWARD CAMERA WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 20 TO 22 INCHES. ALL THE ACQUISITIONS FROM THE FWD APPEAR TO BE SLIGHTLY OUT-OF-FOCUS. RESOLUTION STATEMENTS REFER TO IMAGERY IN THE NEAR

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3. NO IMAGE SMEAR WAS NOTED EXCEPT FOR THAT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH VEHICLE MANEUVERING.

4. THE FIRST 506 FRAMES WERE EXPOSED AT 1/190 OF A SECOND AND THE EXPOSURE APPEARS GOOD. THE REST OF THE MISSION WAS EXPOSED AT 1/170. THE DENSITY OF THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVES THAT WERE EXPOSED AT 1/170 OF A SECOND IS GENERALLY THIN AND IT IS APPARENT THAT THE INCREASE IN EXPOSURE DID NOT COMPENSATE FOR THE CHANGE IN SOLAR AZIMUTH. THE BASE PLUS FOG LEVEL IS SLIGHTLY HIGH THROUGHOUT THE MISSION.

5. IMC SHUTTLE MOTION CAUSES THE TIME TRACK TO RUN OFF THE FILM DURING THE LAST 1.5 INCHES OF SCAN ON MOST OF THE FORWARD FRAMES IN THE MISSION.

6. FILM METERING IS GOOD THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. THE DATA BLOCK ENCROACHES INTO THE FORWARD CAMERA IMAGE AREA EVERY FOURTH FORWARD FRAME. IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCANNER CYCLE AND CAUSES MINOR IMAGE DEGRADATION.

7. A GOOD CORRELATION WAS ACHIEVED BETWEEN THE INS AND THE FILM. THE DATA BLOCK HELD A FOUR SECOND BIAS IN TIME AND A ONE MINUTE BIAS IN LONGITUDE THROUGHOUT.

8. A COMPARISION OF SIMILAR IMAGERY WAS MADE BETWEEN THE FIELD POSITIVE (PRIORITY ZERO) AND THE OTHER POSITIVES. NO LOSS OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IS APPARENT.

9. CLOUDS OBSCURE NEARLY 50 PERCENT OF THE MISSIMS.

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